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Community *notes*

**ARE YOU
READY?**

Message From BGE

BGE's full emergency response organization is ready. Employees and local contractors have inspected equipment, reviewed procedures and assembled staffing plans to ensure around-the-clock support to respond to any potential issues this weekend. BGE encourages customers to prepare and stay safe during severe weather events:

Preparation Tips:

- Have flashlights with fresh batteries on each floor of your home
- Keep a supply of bottled water and easy to prepare non-perishable food
- Charge cell phones and other mobile devices in advance
- Update your emergency supply kit

Safety Tips:

- Stay away from downed wires or damaged electrical equipment
- Do not enter basements that are flooded, because water at certain levels can be energized
- Stay away from flood-covered electrical equipment in neighborhoods, even if there is no electricity in the area.

Visit [BGE's website](#) for more tips and information.

Greetings

Although Hurricane Florence is headed south of us, it is always smart to be prepared and make an emergency preparedness plan. Learn more about Florence on [Howard County's website](#).

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Canceled/ Postponed Events

Discover Downtown 5K

Downtown Columbia Partnership is erring on the side of caution the weekend. The [Discover Downton 5k](#) has been postponed to October 7.

Wilde Lake Picnic

The Wilde Lake Old-Fashioned Family Picnic scheduled for Saturday, September 15 is cancelled. Unfortunately, there is no rain date and the event will not be re-scheduled for this year.

Hickory Ridge Yard Sale

Village-wide yard sales have been postponed to Saturday, September 29. [Check back](#) that week for an updated list of homes participating.

HCHD/ROSC Recovery Walk

The Recovery Walk has been postponed; [check back](#) later to find out the rescheduled time and date.

Please make sure to double check any events you had planned to attend this weekend. Due to the incoming weather, many events have been canceled or postponed.

WatershedPalooza



The second annual WatershedPalooza event is almost here. Join the River Hill Community Association's Watershed Advisory Committee along with the Teen Advisory Committee and many other local environmental groups for an afternoon of free, educational activities. The palooza will be held at Claret Hall on Saturday, September 29, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

During the event, attendees will learn about the Chesapeake Bay watershed, recycling & composting, stream buffers & wildlife, Bay friendly gardening, invasive species, water run off, and much more! There will be free activities for all ages. Pre-registration is requested by September 15 by calling 410-531-1749 or emailing events@villageofriverhill.org.

OktoberFest at Kahler Hall

Harper's Choice Village Center is hosting an OktoberFest event at Kahler Hall on Sunday, October 7. This event will feature craft beer, hard cider, and distillery samples from various local breweries and distilleries. Tickets are \$11 and can be purchased by visiting the village center's [website](#).

Stream Restoration Info Sessions

Residents are invited to learn more about a large stream restoration project scheduled for the next few years in the villages of Harper's Choice, Town Center and Wilde Lake. All meetings will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. The meeting schedule is:

Wilde Lake: Thursday, September 13
Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane

Harper's Choice: Monday, September 17
Kahler Hall, 5440 Old Tucker Row

Town Center: Thursday, September 20
Historic Oakland, 5430 Vantage Point Road

Canellakis-Brown Duo

Candlelight Concerts presents Canellakis-Brown Duo on Sunday, September 30, 3:00 p.m. at the Smith Theater, HCC. Cellist Nicholas Canellakis and pianist-composer Michael Brown have been captivating audiences with inspired performances that combine masterpieces from the standard repertoire with original compositions and arrangements. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [Candlelight's website](#).



Upcoming Events & Reminders

Fabulous 50+ Players' Auditions

Monday, September 17 & September 24 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Howard County Center of the Arts

Fabulous 50+ Players is a musical outreach program at senior centers and assisted living residences throughout Howard County. The group represents a wide range of experience—from novice to professional actors, singers, and dancers. Please visit hocoarts.org or call 410-313-2787 for more information.

Take Your Child Birding

Saturday, September 29 • 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Robinson Nature Center

Take your child or grandchild on a fun, bird-watching walk at the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area. For more information, visit the [event listing](#).

OPUS

Saturday, October 13 • 4:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Merriweather Post Pavilion

Enter the Kaleidoscope this October at the second OPUS event; a surreal and unique Merriweather experience. For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit the [event page](#).

Community Forum on Opioid Health Crisis

October 24 • 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Slayton House

The Wilde Lake Community Association Health & Wealth Committee will present a panel of experts to discuss how the opioid health crisis is impacting our community. The panel presentation will be followed by Q&A. [Registration](#) is encouraged but not required. Questions? Contact Laura Torres at lm4941@yahoo.com.



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